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Languages, Literatures and Intercultural Communication	Graduates of the programme in Languages, Literatures, and Intercultural Communication will possess the following qualifications:
	-an extensive range of knowledge and skills pertaining to languages, to linguistic, philological and semiotic theory, and to written and oral communication of various kinds; - proficiency in the written and oral use of at least two languages in addition to their own; - the ability to use communications and information technology in the context of their specific areas of competence.
	The programme is divided into two curricula, sharing a substantial common core consisting in the intensive study of the English, French, German, Spanish, Portuguese and Brazilian languages, together with the literatures associated with these languages. This is supplemented by courses in philology, Italian linguistics, general linguistics, semiotics, Italian literature, contemporary history, geography and sociology, so as to provide a sound foundation for further study. The two curricula are differentiated by the number of credits assigned to these common subjects as well as by the presence of further disciplines.
	The linguistic-literary curriculum is characterized by the higher number of credits assigned to foreign literatures (three year courses in both the first and second languages), the object being to equip students with basic methodological tools that can be developed and refined in subsequent specialized courses oriented towards teacher training and literary translation. With a view to the same objectives, a number of historical and humanistic subjects are also included in the programme.
	The linguistic-intercultural curriculum equips the student with a sound cultural preparation in foreign languages, offering, together with basic competence in the relevant literatures (acquired through one year courses in each language), and the other subjects belonging to the common core, more comprehensive linguistic expertise through the study of a third language and of specialized languages in both the first and second languages. The student will also study law and economics.
	The objective of the three year course in Linguistic Mediation is to form professionals equipped to work as linguistic mediators in the context of public and private organizations, enterprises, national and international bodies, and non-profit associations, as well as in that of activities connected with tourism, commerce, communications, and technology.
Language Mediation	To this end students will dedicate a substantial number of hours to the study of English and another foreign language, as well as to such practical disciplines as written and oral translation. In addition to this preparation in linguistic disciplines, the study of subjects belonging to the fields of Italian language and literature, semiotics, and general linguistics will equip students with further tools necessary to the translation-orientated use of languages. Since historical, geographical and cultural knowledge is integral to the study of language, the programme also includes courses in history, geography and the history of international relations. Furthermore, given the importance of Information Technology in today's world, the programme also includes a course dedicated to this subject.